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SACCHARIN

Several tipping papers and one reference tipping paper sample were analyzed for saccharin. The qualitative and quantitative analyses were performed by HPLC. The method involved acid (0.05N H_2SO_4) and diethyl ether extraction and determination on a $C8$ column (15 cm) with water, acetic acid, methanol (59/1/40) eluent.

All results were confirmed by GC^2/MS after derivatization of saccharin to N-methyl saccharin (2) by M^+ (197) and fragmentation. Results have been submitted to QC PME (3) (4).

At the request of QC PME a rather simple spot test for the presence of sodium saccharin on TP is being sought. The precipitation reaction between a dilute acidic silver nitrate solution and sodium saccharin seems promising. Work is continuing concerning the sensitivity and the selectivity of the method.

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